

surrounding elastic members extending in a circumferential width direction of the diaper, wherein:

    said plurality of body-surrounding elastic members are fixedly disposed at least at each of said side portions of said diaper, and which body-surrounding elastic members extend in the circumferential width direction of the diaper and outward in a stretched state from longitudinal side edges of said absorbent core, and thereby manifest elastic contractibility at said side portions of the diaper, provided that:

    (1) the body-surrounding elastic members are not disposed in at least a center portion of said body-surrounding portion where said absorbent core exists, or alternatively,

    (2) said body-surrounding elastic members are disposed in a center portion of said body-surrounding portion where said absorbent core exists in such a manner that elastic contractibility is not manifested thereby in at least said center portion of said diaper;

    wherein a ratio of a width of said absorbent core to a width of said diaper at a position where said body-surrounding elastic members are disposed is 30 to 60%, when the diaper is laid on a flat surface, and

    wherein a ratio of a width of portions of said diaper that contain therein said elastic members in a stretched state, with elastic contractibility being manifested thereby, to the width of

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*At* said diaper where elastic members are disposed is 40 to 95%, when the diaper is laid on a flat surface.

*Sub C1* 2. (Amended) The shorts type disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said body-surrounding elastic members are disposed between an outer sheet which constitutes an outermost surface of said diaper and said anti-leakage sheet.

*Sub C2* 3. (Amended) The shorts type disposable diaper according to claim 2, wherein:

    said diaper comprises an absorbent body containing said topsheet, said anti-leakage sheet and said absorbent core and an exterior member containing an outer sheet,

    said exterior member being disposed on a side of said absorbent body having said anti-leakage sheet, and said absorbent body and said exterior member are fixed together by partial bonding.

*Sub C1* 4. (Amended) The shorts type disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein:

    an elastic member which extends in the circumferential width direction of the diaper is fixedly disposed in the waist opening portion, and

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a 30% elongation stress of said waist opening portion is  
greater than a 30% elongation stress of said body-surrounding  
portion where said body-surrounding elastic members are  
disposed.